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MEMORANDUM FOR: Representatives of the SALT Monitoring Working Group

SUBJECT: Draft Interagency Intelligence Memorandum: MONITORING  
A SALT TWO AGREEMENT

1. Attached is the latest draft of a proposed Interagency Intelligence Memorandum on "Monitoring a SALT TWO Agreement." The main text and annexes have been revised in accordance with the recommendations of the representatives at the working group meetings on 29 April, 2, 3, and 4 May.

2. The Executive Summary has been reviewed only by CIA. A revised edition of the Executive Summary charts are currently under review within CIA and will be distributed to working group representatives for their review in a day or so.

3. For planning purposes, we anticipate that the clean-up session to be held on this draft will be scheduled in a week or so. Working group members will be notified of the date and time.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Monitoring a SALT TWO agreement will be more difficult than monitoring the Interim Agreement. While the Interim Agreement essentially froze the numbers of both fixed land-based ICBM and SLBM launchers, the new agreement will establish an aggregate limitation of strategic nuclear delivery vehicles. This aggregate will limit more systems and will contain more options for exchanging one type of weapon system for another than did the provisions of the Interim Agreement. The new agreement will also limit each side's launchers for MIRVed ICBMs and SLBMs, a provision which will require not only the counting of missile launchers but also the determination of the type of missile they contain. Finally, the agreement will contain limitations on ICBM launch-weight and throw-weight and, possibly, other constraints on the qualitative capabilities of strategic systems as well as bans on certain types of systems. As we move from the Interim Agreement limits on numbers of large, readily identifiable items (like fixed land-based ICBM and SLBM launchers) to limits on more difficult systems (like aerodynamic vehicles) and qualitative limitations (such as missile throw-weight), there are bound to be greater uncertainties in monitoring Soviet compliance.

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